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1. AGRICULTURAL OFFICE ESTIMATES HONG KONG WILL IMPORT 261,000 METRIC

TONS OF RICE IN PERIOD JULY 1974 THROUGH JUNE 1975, AND 325,000 METRIC

TONS IN CY 1975. MAJOR SUPPLIERS THUS FAR IN FY 1974-75 ARE: PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, THAILAND, AUSTRALIA, PAKISTAN, REPUBLIC OF CHINA, AND THE UNITED STATES. SINCE JANUARY 1, 1975, STOCK LEVELS ON WEEKLY BASIS HAVE FLUCTUATED BETWEEN 60,000 TO 70,000 METRIC TONS.

2. BEGINNING JULY 1974, AGRICULTURAL OFFICE HAS SENT MONTHLY "RICE IMPORT SITUATION" REPORTS TO USDA, FAS. REPORT PROVIDES DATA ON: (1) TOTAL QUANTITY OF RICE IMPORTED; (2) QUANTITIES IMPORTED FROM THAI-LAND; PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, UNITED STATES AND OTHER COUNTRIES; (3) QUANTITIES OF RICE DELIVERED FROM GODOWNS (WAREHOUSES) TO WHOLESALERS; (4) STOCKS ON HAND AT END OF EACH MONTH AND (5) RETAIL PRICES FOR RICE. (SEE HK4034 FOR JULY 1974; HK 4039 (AUGUST); HK 4044

(SEPTEMBER); HK 4050 (OCTOBER); HK 4054 (NOVEMBER); HK 4059 (DECEMBER); HK 5009 (JANUARY 1975); HK 5018 (FEBRUARY); HK 5026 (MARCH); HK 5032 (APRIL) AND HK 5041 (MAY). **CROSS**

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